Retrenchment of Workers in Jabalpur Ordnance Factory

392. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories at Jabalpur are facing prospects of large-scale lay-offs or retrenchment ; if so, how many workers, category-wise are facing lay-off or retrenchment ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to avert such eventuallty ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir. No worker in Ordnance Factories at Jabalpur is being retrenched or being laid off.

(b) Question does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

AIDs Cases in Indian Navy

393. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of AIDs cases in the Indian Navy have been reported in 1991 ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to check the spread of AIDs in the Indian Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) No fullblown case of Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDs) has so far been reported among Naval personnel. However, till December, 1991, 11 Sailors were detected as cases of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection by Western Blot Test.

(c) (i) One AIDS Cell has been established in the Medical Directorate, Naval Hqrs., to co-ordinate the anti-AIDS activity.

(ii) For blood transfusion, only voluntary donors are accepted. Disposable Syringes have been introduced for immuni zations and routine procedures.

(iii) Infected cases are kept under surveillance so that they do not become a source of infection for others.

(iv) Screening of High Risk Groups is being carried out on a regular basis.

(v) Intensive Health Education of personnel and families, using various methods and media, highlighting the importance of Health Education, is being carried out. Further various workshops on AIDS are being conducted in all the Commands.

Death of NCC Cadet

394. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Indian Express of 8th June, 1992 about the food poisoning of Delhi cadets of National Cadet Corps and death of a 21 years old girl cadet in the camp held at Meerut (U.P.) on 5th June, 1992 ;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry about the poor quality of food served to cadets and poor living facilities provided to cadets ;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and action taken thereon ;

(d) what are the consideration on which NCC camp of girl cadets was organised at Meerut instead of Shimla as originally planned ;

(e) the names of men and women officers who accompanied the NCC cadets to Meerut ;

(f) what medical facilities were provided to the cadets ; and

(g) what compensation has been paid to the family of the cadet who died in the camp ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Court of Inquiry held into the incident has concluded, on the basis of the opinion of Medical Specialist, Community Health Centre, Mowana, and

the opinion of the Medical Specialist, Military Hospital, Meerut, that the most likely cause of death of Km. Mun Mun Sarkar, on 5th June, 1992 at the NCC Camp held at Ganeshpur in Meerut District, was acute viral encephalities. The Court has ruled out food poisoning, heat stroke/exhaution and dehydration as likely causes of death. The Court has also found that the quality of food served and the living facilities at the Camp were satisfactory.

(d) The Camp was originally planned at Ganeshpur. Subsequently, Sabatu in Solan was proposed as a possible site for this Camp. However, it had to be rejected due to unsuitability of the sites and lack of water.

(e) The details are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(f) At the Camp, one MI Room was established with a full-time Nursing Assistant. Cadets needing further medical assistance were to be referred to Community Health Centre (Civil Hospital) at Mawana, located approx 6 Kms from the Camp site. The Medical Superintendent at the Community Health Centre possessed the qualification of MBBS and MD. A dedicated vehicle was available for transporting sick Cadets to the Centre, round the clock. Cadets needing specialised Medical attention were to be moved to the Military Hospital, Meerut.

(g) NCC Cadets dying while involved in NCC activities are covered by an insurance of Rs. 1 lakh. Of this, Rs. 10,000 has been given to the father of the deceased Cadet as immediate relief. The balance amount is being disbursed.

Statement

Name of Men and Women Officers who Accompanied the NCC Cadets to Meerut

1. Lt Col Ram Raj Singh.
2. Major Banwari Lal.
3. Sub. Pradesh Chand.
4. SM Munshi Ram.
5. Sub Manjit Singh.
6. Nb/Sub SK Biswas.
7. Sub Ramesh Chand.
8. Sub SN Roy.
9. SMI Mrs Manjit Kaur.
10. SMI Mrs Narinder Kaur.
11. SMI Mrs Saroj Dinghra.
12. UOI Mrs Renu Gupta.
13. SMI Sanch Prabha Gupta.
14. SMI Krishna Maheshwari.

Test Flight of Indigenously Developed Advanced Flight Helicopter

395. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the first prototype of the indigenously developed long range multi-role advanced light-helicopter was unveiled on 29th June, 1992 ; and

(b) if so, when the prototype is likely to make its maiden test flight ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Expected within the next three months.

बियर का उत्पादन

396. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार कुछ औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों को बियर के उत्पादन के लाइसेंस देने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने फरवरी 1989 में बीयर तैयार करने के लिए अतिरिक्त क्षमता बढ़ाने पर प्रतिबंध में छूट दी थी। सरकार को व्यक्तियों तथा औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों दोनों से अनेक आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए और 1 अप्रैल 1991 तक प्राप्त आवेदन-पत्रों को स्वीकार किया गया। इन आवेदन-पत्रों में से बीयर तैयार करने के लिए वितरण के रूप में संलग्न सूची के अनुसार 48 आशय पत्र जारी किये गये हैं।

(नीचे देखिए)